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Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>

- Home exercises (Lesson in history - written  
indifferent by some of the first class  
- work during the day done well by all  
8 Composition in the afternoon (a few  
uncommon words given on the Black  
Board - the first division to write a  
piece, and to include all the words given,  
not so well done as might have been  
expected - all other work done well.  
9 Work done satisfactorily throughout.  
10 Ordinary progress.  
11 Arithmetic (Back rules) not so good  
in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> classes: by the  
rest the work was done well.  
14 Attendance not so good: fair progress  
15 Work done well throughout.  
16 Ordinary progress.  
17 Work done well by all throughout.  
18 Work done in back subjects: the  
result on the whole good. - School  
closed at 4 P. M.  
21 Work done satisfactorily throughout  
the day.  
22 Ordinary progress.

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- Sept. 23 Work done well throughout the day.
- " 24 A dictation lesson in the morning containing some rather uncommon words, and curiously spelt, not so very good, by some of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division. Work in all other subjects well done.
- " 25 Arithmetic in back rules not well done by 1<sup>st</sup> Division. — School closed at 4 P.M.
- " 28 Work well done throughout.
- " 29 Thin attendance particularly in the afternoon, owing to the inclemency of the weather.
- " 30 Thin attendance; but work done well by all throughout the day. Ordinary progress.
- Oct. 1 - Arithmetic on paper according to Standard by the higher classes, only moderately done: in all other things work well done.
- " 5 Work well done — No sewing.
- " 6 Ordinary progress — Holiday in the afternoon.
- " 7 Arithmetic (back rules) only in-

- differently done by the first Division: all other subjects (back) well done.

Oct. 12

All back subjects slightly gone over; Answers on the whole unexceptionably good. - Last day at Rathmell School - School closed till another master (who is appointed) is able to undertake his duties. -

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Aug 8

This book was given into my hand. (this day) by Rev. P. Sykes  
Henry Warner. Major  
Master

- " 9 Very thin attendance indeed; consequently the School made but poor progress. School closed at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4 O'clk. P.M.
- " 10 Better attendance. - General examination by the Rev. P. Sykes.  
Sewing in the afternoon: - ordinary progress.
- " 11 Isabella Holder admitted. - oral lesson on the Creation. (2<sup>nd</sup> Division)  
Ordinary progress
- " 12 Arranged 2<sup>nd</sup> division in arithmetic according to Standard.  
Sewing in the afternoon. - Composition by 1<sup>st</sup> division. Subject, the Creation; fairly done.
- " 15 Thin attendance, especially 1<sup>st</sup> division.  
Sewing in the afternoon. - Ordinary progress. School closed at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4 O'clk. P.M.
- " 16 Much better attendance, consequently better progress: - tried the 2<sup>nd</sup> division in their Catechism; very poorly done.

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Division: all other subjects (back)  
well done.

Oct. 12

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Answers on the whole <sup>some</sup> exceptionally  
good. Last day at Rethmell School  
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is appointed) is able to undertake <sup>his</sup>  
duties.

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- " 15 Thin attendance, especially 1<sup>st</sup> division.  
Sewing in the afternoon. - Ordinary progress.  
School closed at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4 Ock. P.M.
- " 16 Much better attendance, consequently bet-  
ter progress: - tried the 2<sup>nd</sup> division in  
their catechism; very poorly done.

Aug. 17 The work fairly done throughout the day. — Ordinary progress

Oct " 18 School closed at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4. Ock. P.M.  
Tried the 2<sup>nd</sup> division in numeration: badly done. — The other lessons fairly done. — The Mistress being away yesterday (Wednesday) girls went into the schoolhouse to sew, this afternoon.

" 19 Ordinary progress. — Sewing in the afternoon. — Singing from 3 till 4 Ock. P.M.

" 22 Gave 2<sup>nd</sup> division a lesson in dictation: not so well done. — The other lessons were middling. —

" 23 Tried 1<sup>st</sup> division in History. (Back lesson) not so well done by girls; but by the boys very fair indeed. — Home lesson badly done by most of 1<sup>st</sup> division; kept in to learn it. — Gave them (1<sup>st</sup> div<sup>ns</sup>) a les<sup>n</sup> in Geography

" 24 Ordinary progress. — Sewing in the afternoon. — School closed at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4. P.M.

I omitted to mention that Eliz<sup>th</sup> Haythornthwaite and Eliz<sup>th</sup> Bamford, <sup>were</sup> admitted this quarter.

" 25 Ordinary progress.

- Aug. 26 The 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Classes had to write a letter on their states, for their home lesson. - very well done, considering it was the first for the quarter.
- " 29 Tried 1<sup>st</sup> Division in arithmetic according to Standard. 1<sup>st</sup> class very well indeed; 2<sup>nd</sup> not so good.  
Sewing in the afternoon. - School closed at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4 P.M.
- " 30 Tried 2<sup>nd</sup> division in Numeration, not so good as might be expected
- " 31 Ordinary progress. - Very thin attendance
- Sep. 1<sup>st</sup> Home Lessons very satisfactory, especially verses out of V Psalm. -  
Numeration better in the 1<sup>st</sup> division
- " 2 Ordinary progress. - Sewing in the afternoon singing from  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 3. till 4 o'clock P.M.
- " 5 Ordinary progress. -
- " 6 Holiday
- " 7 Gave 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> classes an oral lesson on the Life of our Saviour. -
- " 8 Grammar indifferently got up by the 1<sup>st</sup> Class. (Home Lesson) Had to stay in.

- Sep. 9 Ordinary progress. - sewing in the afternoon. - school closed at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4 Ock. P.M.  
 " 12 Very thin attendance, owing to the weather.  
 Fair progress.  
 " 13 Gave 1<sup>st</sup> division a lesson on History: they answered very well.  
 " 14 Gave them an oral lesson on the Life of our Saviour. 1<sup>st</sup> part.  
 Closed at  $\frac{1}{4}$  to 4 Ock. owing to the children's school treat at Coppleside.  
 " 15 Ordinary progress.  
 " 16 2<sup>nd</sup> division better in numeration. - Progress as usual. - Sewing until 3 Ock. P.M.  
 " 19 Ordinary progress. - Dictation a little better in 3 class.  
 " 20 Examined 1<sup>st</sup> class in arithmetic. - very good. - 2<sup>nd</sup> class not very perfect.  
 " 21 Progress as usual. - examined 3<sup>rd</sup> class in arithmetic, found that they had improved in simple addition and subtraction.  
 " 22 Ordinary progress.  
 " 23 Progress very fair. - Sewing in the afternoon. Singing from  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 3 until 4 Ock. P.M.



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- Sep 26 Commencement of Michaelmas Quarter.  
Progress as usual.
- " 27 Removed Isabella Reid from the third class into 4<sup>th</sup> - A little improvement in Numeration, in the higher classes.
- " 28 Gave the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> classes an oral lesson, on the Birth of our Saviour. - Progress fair.
- " 29 Examined 3<sup>rd</sup> class in addition and subtraction; not so well as I could wish.
- " 30 Examined the 1<sup>st</sup> division in arithmetic according to the Standards. 1<sup>st</sup> class very fair. 2<sup>nd</sup> class not so good.
- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> General examination, on the whole good.
- " 4 Ordinary progress.
- " 5 Gave them (2 division) an oral lesson on the Creation. - Geography in afternoon.
- " 6 Ordinary progress.
- " 7 Progress fair. - Sewing in afternoon. - Singing from 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  O'clk. till 4 P.M. School closed, at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4 O'clk.
- " 10 Ordinary progress.
- " 11 Arithmetic in back rules gone over, with a fair result. - Progress fair.
- " 12 Numeration better in 2<sup>nd</sup> division.

- Oct 13 Made fair progress to day.
- " 14 Examined 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> classes in Arithmetic, in their different Standards: on the whole, good. - School closed 1/2 hour, P. M.
- " 17 A very thin attendance, owing to the weather. - Gave the 1<sup>st</sup> division a lesson in back rules of arithmetic: results good.
- " 18 Gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> division an oral lesson on the Creation. - Progress on the whole good.
- " 19 Ordinary progress. -
- " 20 A very thin attendance owing to the weather. - Geography in afternoon.
- " 21 Better attendance this morning.
- " 24 A very thin attendance this morning owing to the weather. - Fair progress, considering the small number of children.
- " 25 Work done satisfactory, by the four classes.
- " 26 Back rules of arithmetic gone over by 1<sup>st</sup> division; results fair. -
- Went over back lesson of History; results very favourable. - Gave the 1<sup>st</sup> division, les<sup>n</sup> in History.
- " 27 Ordinary progress. -
- " 28 Gave 2<sup>nd</sup> division an oral lesson on the

- recreation. - Sewing in the afternoon.  
 School closed at 4 o'clock P.M.
- " 31 Ordinary progress. -  
 Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Money due for fuel. - Ordinary progress.  
 Holiday. Settle Fair.
- " 2 Work done favourably by all.
- " 3 Progress very fair. - Grammar (Home les-  
 son) not so well.
- " 4 Composition, the "Life of Joseph," very well  
 done; by 1<sup>st</sup> division. - Sewing in the af-  
 ternoon. - School closed at 4 o'clock P.M.
- " 7 Work done well throughout. - Sewing in  
 the afternoon. - School closed at 1/2 past 4 P.M.
- " 8 Ordinary progress. -
- " 9 Gave 2<sup>nd</sup> division an oral lesson on the  
 Life of our Saviour. -
- " 10 Progress fair. -  
 Gave 1<sup>st</sup> division a lesson on the History of  
 Joseph; very fair indeed. -
- " 11 Examined the School, in their several  
 standards of arithmetic; results good.  
 Sewing in the afternoon. - School closed 4 o'clock P.M.
- " 14 Ordinary progress. - School closed at 4 o'clock P.M.
- " 15 Thin attendance owing to the weather.

- Nov. 16 continued bad weather: (snow) progress as usual.
- " 17 A very fair attendance this morning. gave them an oral lesson on the Catechism. - Henry Wm. Divor. re-admitted.
- " 18 History of Joseph read; (1<sup>st</sup> part) asked them questions upon it. (1<sup>st</sup> division) answers fair.
- " 21 Ordinary progress.
- " 22 General Examination: results favourable. The three classes improved in numeration. - In arithmetic, the (three) classes have also improved. The other subjects were very fair, considering the small number of children, at school, owing perhaps to the continued bad weather.
- " 23 Ordinary progress.
- " 24 Gave them a lesson in English History (1<sup>st</sup> division) results favorable.
- " 25 (Dictation. Lesson quite as well as could be expected, in first and second classes; not so well in third class. - Other subjects, fair progress. - School closed at 4 to 4 P.M.
- " 28 Ordinary progress.
- " 29 Gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> division, an oral lesson

on the "Creation".-

" 30<sup>th</sup> gave the 1<sup>st</sup> division a task to take home to parse a simple paragraph, out of the grammar book: results as favourable as could be expected. -

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Ordinary progress. -

" 2 Arithmetic on paper this morning by 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> classes. - Sewing in the afternoon. School closed at  $\frac{1}{4}$  to 4 Oct. P.M.

" 3 Fair progress

" 6 Lesson on Geography: (England) very well indeed. - Tried them all in their catechism.

" 7 Thomas Robinson, Henry Major & Ann Fletcher entered Proportion. (Simple)

" 8 Ordinary progress. -

" 9 Arithmetic in back rules fairly done. - Sewing in the afternoon. -

" 12 Very small attendance, owing to the weather; (snow) consequently made but poor progress. -

" 13 The attendance still small. -

" 14 Better attendance, consequently better progress. -

" 15 Tried the children in their respective

Dec.

- Standards previous to their examination they were fair, considering the small number at school, owing to the bad weather.
- " 16 Back lessons in Geography, fair. - Catechism the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> classes on the Prayer Book. results not so favourable, tried them in their catechism. Sinclair's very fair. -
- " 19 Ordinary progress. -
- " 20 Back Subjects gone through, with a good result, prior to the General Examination which is to take place tomorrow. -
- " 21 General Examination at the School by Rev. J. F. Sikes, and John Gildard Esq. The School broke up for the Christmas holidays in the afternoon. To commence again on January 9<sup>th</sup> 1871.

January 7<sup>th</sup>

- " 9 Opened school with a very small number of scholars; consequently made but poor progress. - In sewing. - Isabella Reid left present.
- " 10 Better attendance and progress
- " 11 Ordinary progress. -
- " 12 Gave the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> classes a lesson on Geography. - (The World), Mental Arithmetic &c.

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- " 13 Fair progress. - Sewing in the afternoon.  
- School closed at 4 o'clk P.M.
- " 14 Better attendance. - James Mansergh, Elizabeth  
Hoythornthwaite, Charles Dawson, Lawrence  
Dawson, re-admitted. Robert Hay-  
thornthwaite admitted. - Margeret Parker left.
- " 17 Ordinary progress. -
- " 18 Back lessons in Arithmetic, results quite  
as well as could be expected. -
- " 19 Tried the 2<sup>nd</sup> division in their Catechism.  
on the whole, good. -
- " 20 Asked the 1<sup>st</sup> division a few questions on  
Catech<sup>m</sup> (Sunclairs) results not so favourable. -  
Mental Arithmetic, improved. -

Testimonial

Copy

Extract from Rathmell School Trustees Minute Book)  
at a meeting of the Trustees of the Rathmell School,  
held in the Schoolroom, (Dec<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1870. present John  
Geldard Esq. & the Rev<sup>d</sup> P. Sykes, an Examination of the  
School was made. - Increased pains on the part of the  
master, & fair proficiency of the scholars was shown.  
It is to be desired that the children should be trained to give  
their answers more from an intelligent knowledge of the sub-  
jects & less by rote than appears to be the case at present. - An oc-  
casional drill in mental arithmetic is recommended.  
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Needlework good considering the age of the girls. - Improvement has been made in the writing classes. (Henry W. H. Major Master)

- Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> E. W. Dawson re-admitted. - Progress as usual.
- " 24. Arithmetic. Back rules fair. - Gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> division an oral lesson, on our Saviour.
- " 25- Geography, results very favourable. - Mental arithmetic, not so good as might have been expected. - Sewing in the afternoon.
- " 26 General examination of school, results very fair, considering there are so many fresh scholars.
- " 27 Ordinary progress. - No sewing this afternoon, Miss Tress gone to settle. - Singing. - School <sup>closed</sup> at 4 O'clk. P. M.
- " 30 Progress as usual. - Much better attendance.
- " 31 Gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> division an oral lesson on the Life of our Saviour. - Mental arithmetic. - Dictation lessons to 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> classes.
- Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Ordinary progress. -
- " 2<sup>nd</sup> Gave 1<sup>st</sup> division a lesson on Geography. -
- " Back rules of Arithmetic very favourable.
- " 3 Progress favourable throughout the day. - Sewing in the afternoon. -
- " 6 Mental arithmetic. (1<sup>st</sup> division) better. -



- " 7 The children made the usual progress. -
- " 8 Gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> division an oral lesson on the creation. - Back rules of Arithmetic gone through, with good result. -
- " 9 Mental arithmetic. - Geography of Palestine, very fair. - Dictation as usual, morning and afternoon. -
- " 10 Made the usual progress. - Sewing in the afternoon, - School closed at 4 O'clk. P. M.
- " 13 Ordinary progress. -
- " 14 Examination in Catechism, both divisions; the 1<sup>st</sup> in morning & the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the afternoon. results fair. - Improved in Mental arithmetic. -
- " 15 Progress very satisfactory. -
- " 16 Geography in the morning. - Gave them a lesson on the History of England. (1<sup>st</sup> division)
- " 17 Back rules of arithmetic gone over with a good result. - Mental Arithmetic, fair. - Sewing in the afternoon. - Singing, &c.
- " 20 Made the usual progress. -
- " 21 Home work (Grammar) imperfectly got up. - Gave 1<sup>st</sup> division a lesson on black board with most of the words spelt wrong; results

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- fair. - Mental arithmetic better. -
- " 22 Went to Church in the morning, it being Ash Thursday. - Gave the children a half holiday in the afternoon. -
- " 23 Ordinary progress. - Robt Dawson admitted. -
- " 24 Small attendance owing to weather. - Sewing in the afternoon. - School closed at 4 P.M. -
- " 27 Progress good throughout the day. -
- " 28 Dictation as usual. - Mental Arithmetic improved. - Arithmetic in back rules gone over with a good result. -

March 1<sup>st</sup> Long Preston fair. very thin attendance; consequently the progress was impeded. - Money due for fuel. -

- " 2 Ordinary progress. -
- " 3 Geography of Europe; results good. - Writing improved, other subjects, well, throughout the day. -
- " 4 Gave 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> classes an oral lesson on Noah and the Flood. - Spelling as usual. -
- " 7 Progress as usual. -
- " 8 Gave 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> classes an oral lesson on Parsing; results not so favourable as I could wish. - Mental Arithmetic improved.

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- " 9 Periodical Examination, results favourable. -
- " 10 Geography (world). - Reading and Spelling improved. - Mental Arithmetic. - Sewing in the afternoon. - School closed at 4 O'clk. P. M.
- " 13 Gave the 1<sup>st</sup> division a lesson on the Israelites Passing out of Egypt. - Arithmetic in back rules gone over with a good result. -
- " 14 Tried the second division in their catechism, results very fair. - Dictation as usual (for the same) every day. -
- " 15 Gave the first division a lesson on Black-board, of words spelt wrong, for them to correct; results very favourable. -
- " 16 Ordinary progress. -
- " 17 Geography of Palestine. - Mental Arithmetic, results fair. - Sewing in the afternoon. - School closed at 4 O'clk. P. M. -
- " 20 Ordinary progress. -
- " 21 Arithmetic in back rules gone over, with a good result. -
- " 22 Geography of the British Isles. - Mental Arithmetic. - Tried 2<sup>nd</sup> division in

- March their Catechism; results as well as I could expect. —
- " 23 Tried 1<sup>st</sup> division in their Catechism. (Sinclair's) with a favourable result. — (Recitation as usual. —
- " 24 General Examination of the School, results favourable; very fair attendance. — Writing as usual every forenoon. — Sewing as usual, three afternoons in the week. — Singing. — School closed at 4 O'clk P. M. —
- " 27 First day of the Quarter; thin attendance. Francis Parker, Benjamin Parker, Marger Parker, left Parish.
- " 28 Progress not so good, in consequence of the children being so very little, and so few in No. —
- " 29 Mental Arithmetic. — Geography (England) — Gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> division an oral lesson on our Saviour. — Anne & Ellen Fowler re-admitted. —
- Notice { " 30 Received from the Managers a Copy of a Notice required by the New Code, (Section) and placed the same in the School. — Ordinary progress. — Maryann Taylor re-admitted. —
- " 31 The week's work gone over, results as fair as I could expect. — sewing in the afternoon